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SOLID FACTS.

Some Palpable Truths from the pen of Dr. W. H. Lancaster, of Moulton.

Chas. Ward,
Shiner, Texas.

Dear sir and friend:—Some time since I promised you when the Bellamy dreams were realized; when we were fed at a government public trough and could take a bit of our ease, I would write a few dots for the benefit of and advice to the future generations.

We have cause to doubt if there is a public government soup trough. If there is one at all it is a private one, not a public one and a protected private one too. Not a silver one, if any at all, but a gold one too royal for our tooth. So if we open the dots or record any of our thoughts, it will not be from a hand inspired by any of the bright realizations of the Bellamy speculations, but as the present surrounding facts dictate, and now with a "Bon Voyage," we sail out.

What means all this strange commotion? A spirit of great unrest pervades the entire country. A tumultuous commotion almost, as it were, seizes in twain the nation's bosom. This government stands as it were upon the very threshold of dissolution, and the very agonies and throes of discontent are hovering over us in sable clouds of threatening menace, of danger and warnings for the future. Why this spirit of unrest? Why this all pervading feeling of dissatisfaction? Why and wherefore goes up this universal cry of want, hunger, poverty and never dying, insatiable desire for relief, which reaches from the Atlantic to the Pacific ocean; from the British possessions to Mexico, for a change in legislation; for a re-adjustment of the relations between capital and labor, between the power and the reaper, between the hungry and the feasted, between those who work and toil, and strive ardently to earn by the sweat of their brow a mere sustenance for physical supremacy over death, and those who revel in luxurious living; those who are in a very diminutive minority, yet, the reapers of the benefits of all labor, and the fat of the land; Those who are the controllers of the medium of interchange between the commodities of earth, and the manipulators of the power and medium of control of all labor. The great financial power which dominates all earth and which for the hope of a greater reward in the future, will and does withdraw itself from among the people, empties the pockets of honest labor and secures itself in the well guarded vaults of corporations and protected interests, (not industries) thereby forcing the suffrages to fully appreciate and feel the fact that something is radically wrong, yes, and to cause the very foundations of nations to tremble, as it were, and to halt in its progress and resort to stronger resources—war measures in times of peace to tide over an apparent financial shortage.

We ask why this great chorus of lamentations proceeding from the entire nation as though she travelled in labor with the hope only of illegitimate and profligate offspring. Why this great difference in the era between 1847 and the 60s and this time? Can we see the trouble to nature? Has she withheld from earth and appreciating humanity the refreshing showers? Has she with subtle curtains shut off from earth the life giving qualities and invigorating elements of "Old Sol"? Has she robbed mother earth of all fruitifying power and properties that she withholds from man her products, or his hope of sustenance? Has earth surrendered to some midnight pilferer her ever precious jewel; her very mineral diadem with which she girds herself? She certainly has not. We cannot lay the charge to nature's door. Still something is wrong. Times are not as they have been. Times are not as a mighty, living, moving throng or living petition demand that they should be. Now, where is the trouble? We cannot charge it to nature. It is not due to the relaxed and weakened powers and energies of man. Man has not depreciated intellectually. Every progress of every nation and government stoutly deny this thought. It is not due to any deficiency in the quality and the availability of the appliances which man adapts to the furtherance and aid of the labor of his hands. Every invention of the age stoutly denies this. Is it due, as said by so many, to a scarcity of money among the nations of the world? No, it is none of these, for none of these conditions mentioned exists. Is it due to any external pressure or influence brought to bear upon us by surrounding foreign governments? No. Then what is wrong? Is there is not an error somewhere. Where lies this error? We believe and assert that the trouble results from a faulty legislation. A legislation in favor of the few and detrimental to the best interests of the many. A veritable form of class legislation. A legislation influenced and abetted by capital, by subsidized and co-operative interest, controlled, operated and manipulated in the interests of its owners for the promotion of their personal perpetuity and aggrandizement and which said interests constitute a diminutive proportion. But the very exercise and operations of which said subsidized and protected interests, like the magnum, grows stronger from its use and operations. The wishes, demands and interests of the masses (the laborers) are not regarded nor considered. They have not been for thirty years, because our legislation has been handicapped by the proceeds of protected interests, trusts, rings and corporations, or dominated by strong partisan administration. Gold is to-day but a potted and protected interest.

Now, since we make the assertion that the cause of this great trouble is faulty legislation, it behooves us to give a reason for this assertion and to show up, some at least, of

specific acts of legislation which have been operated so materially against the best interests of the nation's subjects, and not to prove ourselves a howling malcontent, but later, to offer or try to offer, some visible, tangible, laudable and practicable means of escape.

1st. As for evidence of the faulty legislative enactments, we think they are undeniably and irreputably produced by taking a retrospective view of the times; a glance to that time when every one was contented; when our financial system was staple, when it was not necessary to call a special session of our congress and senate to contrive means and measures for the relief of the people and the national treasury of a veritable jewelry. A disreputable depletion, the result of a profligate extravagance, which extravagance was not lavish in any bestowal upon our needy millions, or the supplying of any want of an actual sufferer, or the opening up the way to a better reward to the arduous toil of our industrial laboring multitudes. A glance to that time, when a man could take the precious reward of the labor of his hands, (nature given) and offer it for sale where he pleased and at an open market, untrammelled by Protection Laws. Free to sell where he pleased to a competitive market and for a price not dictated to him by some home protected manufacturer or interest. A glance to a time when all the world were allowed to enter the market, not approach the auction block, and bid up as long as they pleased for the articles produced by the country and actually demanded by theirs. A glance to a time when there was not heard the cry of "no money." When the cry of everybody moving en masse to Washington. The cry of "Coxeyites" and "Fry's Army," Brown's Followers, etc. A glance to a time when the people of the United States of America could buy what they demanded and needed from the Protection Tariff-unforbidden markets of the world. A glance to a time when both gold and silver were money. To a time when farm values enhanced, when farm products brought a remunerative price. When manufactures increased, our resources developed, our merchant marines progressed and spread out, and be it said that the one or two increased not to the detriment of the other. To a time when there was a diversity of progress as well, which is always healthy. A glance if you please to a time when this government was at peace with all nations, and our reciprocal relations with the outer world were pleasant to contemplate. We refer to that epoch in history extending from 1847 to 1860, when war measures interrupted the placidity and prosperity of the American citizen and the government of this continent. Let us ask the question: Was there then a Lodge Law, (a republican enactment) before our democratic administration to be defeated or repealed, costing a great expenditure of time and money? No.

(Continued next week.)

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